

Teacher's Conservation Corner

John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

2020 Summer Camps

John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District (JMSWCD) is seeking applicants for two conservation-oriented camps this summer.

Camp Woods and Wildlife (formerly Holiday Lake Forestry Camp) is scheduled for June 22-27 at the Holiday Lake 4-H Center near Appomattox, Virginia. This camp is for students ages 13-16 who have an interest in forestry and natural resources. The cost to attend is \$85 for the week. Holiday Lake Forestry Camp is ideal for students to explore and experience activities in forestry and wildlife related careers and to experience hands on learning about natural resource conservation.

Students must be nominated for Forestry camp by an adult such as a teacher, youth leader (scout, church, etc.), or a natural resource professional. Nomination forms are available at <http://dof.virginia.gov/forestry/camp/>. Nominations close on April 10.

The second camp is Youth Conservation Camp, held July 12-18 on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. This camp is for students in grades 9-12 (including students graduating in May or June).

Students will learn about fisheries, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and agricultural best management practices. Field trips include visits

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Students at Forestry Camp test their skills in the Lumberjack Field Day. Photo: VA Dept. of Forestry.



Students at Youth Conservation Camp swim and paddle in the New River near Virginia Tech.

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Summer Camps Cont.

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to Claytor Lake State Park, the Cascades waterfall, and a canoe trip down the New River. A typical list of activities can be found [here](#).

The camp is free for the top two Fauquier County applicants and financial support may be available for other applicants. To apply for Youth Conservation

Camp, please fill out the application on the [District website](#).

Applications for Fauquier County residents are due to JMSWCD by 5:00pm on April 23. For more information on either camp, call 540-316-6639 or email: michael.trop@fauquiercounty.gov.

Town of Warrenton Poster Contest

Get out your drawing supplies! The Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County stormwater program is once again hosting their annual poster contest for students in grades 3-5.

Stormwater runoff is a leading cause of water pollution in the United States. This annual contest aims to increase awareness of stormwater pollution to students and allows them to spread their own pollution prevention message through art.



their Peers, a letter of recognition from the Warrenton Town Council and Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, and receive swag bags filled with prizes from sponsors. Entries are due the first week of April.

In the Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County, storm drains run directly to our streams and tributaries that are a local source of drinking water.

Stormwater runoff can contain trash and pollutants that travel untreated to local waterways.

Winning posters will be featured on Banners displayed throughout the Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County, be presented a certificate in front of

Interested participants are encouraged to visit www.warrentonva.gov to view additional subject theme information and contest rules.

A Note from the Education Specialist

In last month's edition of the teacher newsletter I wrote that there would not be any education programs available to be conducted from April 27 through the end of the school year. The reason for this is I will be leaving my position at the District and will be heading out west to attempt to hike the Pacific Crest Trail. After the trail, I plan to pursue a ca-

reer as a full-time teacher.

I have enjoyed working with all the teachers of Fauquier County. Thank you for opening up your classrooms to me these past seven years. I hope your students have enjoyed it as much as I have.